

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection of this application as examined pursuant to the office action of May 27, 2009. In the office action, Claims 1-3, 5, 8-15, 29, 30 and 32-46 were examined. By this amendment, independent Claims 1 and 30 and dependent Claims 9 and 46 have been amended. The limitations of Claims 4 and 32 have been incorporated into independent Claims 1 and 30, respectively, and Claims 4 and 32 then canceled. Claims 1, 3, 5, 8-15, 29, 30 and 33-46 remain pending.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 8-10, 12-15, 28-30, 33-42 and 44 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US published patent application Publication No. 2004/0003285 to Whelan et al. ("Whelan"). Claim 11 was rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Whelan in combination with US published patent application Publication No. 2004/0111636 to Baffles et al. Claims 43 and 45 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Whelan in combination with US published patent application Publication No. 2004/0025044 to Day. Claims 4, 32 and 46 were objected to as being dependent on independent rejected claims, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including limitations of all intervening claims.

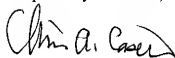
In view of the examiner's stated position that dependent Claims 4 and 32 would be allowable, Applicants have amended independent Claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of Claim 4, and independent Claim 32 to incorporate the limitations of Claim 32. Claim 46 has been amended to make it dependent on Claim 1, as amended. Applicants respectfully suggest that these amendments render the currently pending claims allowable. It is requested that the rejections under 35 USC § 103(a) be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments made to the claims being limited to incorporating limitations that the examiner has determined are allowable, Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment and suggest that the rejections under 35 § 103(a) have been successfully traversed. Allowance of pending Claims 1, 3, 5, 8-15, 29, 30 and 33-46 is therefore requested.

By this amendment, no new claims have been added. Therefore, no additional filing fee is required.

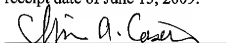
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